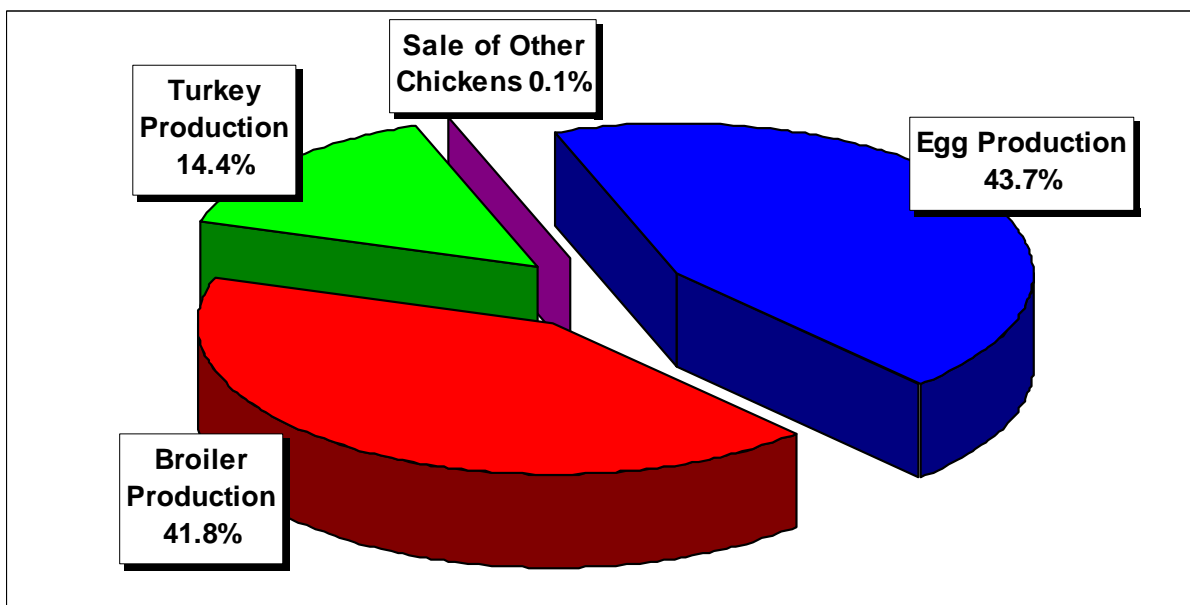


Poultry Production Summary, 2004

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Pennsylvania: Value of Poultry Production, 2004



The combined value of Pennsylvania's poultry production from broilers, eggs, and turkeys, plus the value of chicken sales in 2004, was \$778.0 million, an 8 percent increase from 2003. Of the combined total, 43.7 percent was from egg production, 41.8 percent from broiler production, 14.4 percent from turkey production, and 0.1 percent was from the sale of other chickens.

Inventory of all chickens, excluding broilers, on December 1, 2004, was 27.9 million. Hens and pullets of laying age numbered 23.3 million, slightly less than the previous year. Pullets not of laying age totaled 4.5 million on December 1, a 24 percent decrease from 2003. Other chickens numbered 110,000. The total value of chicken inventory on December 1, 2004, was \$53.1 million. Pennsylvania ranked 4th in the United States for all chicken inventory on December 1, 2004.

Pennsylvania laying flocks produced 6.59 billion eggs from December 1, 2003, through November 30, 2004, 2 percent less than 6.75 billion produced the previous year. Total value of egg production, based on an average price received by producers during the year of 61.9 cents per dozen for all eggs, was \$339.7 million, down 8 percent from the previous year. An average of 23.9 million hens in Commonwealth flocks laid an average of 276 eggs each during the year. Pennsylvania ranked 3rd in egg production in 2004.

Broiler production from December 1, 2003, through November 30, 2004, was valued at \$325.5 million, up 32 percent from the

previous year. A total of 133.5 million broilers were produced during the year. The average live weight of broilers produced was 5.3 pounds per bird, for a total production of 707.6 million pounds. The average price received per pound for live broilers was 46.0 cents. Pennsylvania ranked 14th in number of broilers produced in 2004.

Turkey producers raised 12.0 million poults during 2004, compared with 9.5 million produced in 2003. Producers received an average of 48.0 cents per pound live weight for turkeys in 2004. Total value of turkey production from December 1, 2003, through November 30, 2004, was \$112.3 million, an 11 percent increase from the previous year. Pennsylvania was tied for 8th in the number of turkeys raised in 2004.

Commercial hatcheries hatched nearly 157.8 million broiler-type chicks during 2004, up 5 percent from the previous year. Egg-type chicks hatched totaled 62.2 million for 2004, 16 percent more than in 2003. Pennsylvania ranked 2nd in egg-type chicks hatched.

Data in the following tables result from voluntary responses from Pennsylvania poultry producers and agri-businesses. Primary surveys used for these tables include the Weekly & Monthly Hatchery Reports, Monthly Turkey Hatchery Report, Monthly Chicken & Egg Survey, and Annual Turkeys Raised Inquiry. Additional data are obtained from Quarterly Agriculture Surveys and Acreage & Livestock Surveys conducted throughout 2004.